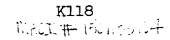
### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST



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STREET & NUMBER					
By Crumpton	Bridge				
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state Maryland			COUNTY Kent		
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DISTRICT	PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM	
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_SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS	
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old Comegys House is an 18th century brick, gambrel roof house with an unusual rear addition covered with a catslide roof which is an extension of the upper slope of the gambrel. There are also two early side wings, one of brick and one of plank construction. The building is a part of a working farm and is surrounded by a complex of 19th and 20th century barns. It is located on the north side of the Chester River overlooking the town of Crumpton.

The earliest portion of the house is said to have been built by William Comegys in the early 18th century. Although no woodwork remains from this period, the brick walls of this portion show the pattern-making with glazed brick so favored by the early builders. On the east gable end, the Flemish bond walls have glazed headers up to the second floor level. Above this point is Liverpool bond with irregular glazed headers. There is a stepped water table laid in irregular English bond. The extension is similar but without the glazed headers. A line in the brick shows that the earliest gambrel roof house had a corbelled cornice. The opposite gable (west) has glazed headers used in the upper gable which is laid in Liverpool bond. The front facade also had Flemish bond; glazed headers extend at least 6' above grade. The low water table continues on the rear facade.

Comegys House has four chimneys in the main house and one in the rable of the plank wing. Two large chimneys are located at the apex of the gable roof; two other very tall chimneys with corbelled caps serve corner fireplaces which were constructed to heat the two rooms in the extension. The fifth fireplace has a wide exposed chimney back, indicating the great width of the kitchen fireplace inside.

Fenestration is regularly spaced on the long facades but irregular on gable ends and wings. There are front and rear central entrances with flanking 9/6 sash windows. Old trim is beaded and has a flat ogee backband. There are paneled shutters on the front facade. On the east gable, there is one 6/6 window in the attic, rear and a 9/6 window with paneled shutters on the first floor front. Beneath the first floor window is a basement window with diagonally turned bars. A window in the extension has 6/9 sash and rowlock arch.

Three shed dormers with 2/2 Victorian sash light the attic. In the 1950's the present owners added a large shed dormer to the sweeping rear catslide roof.

Adjacent the west gable is a one room brick wing with central door, front and rear, and a 6/6 sash window. There are shed dormers in each slope. Victorian sash replace the original windows but the rear dormer has flat beaded window trim and verge board and cornice trimmed with an ogee molding. Behind the brick wing is a porch and room with a shed roof.

The plank wing was repaired by a former owner, and rests on a modern brick foundation. The planks are about 4" thick and 8" - 12" wide and joined with V-notching, common to most buildings of this construction. There are four-pane attic windows and a front 6/6 sash window. The building has four full walls.

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### 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION
1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
1600-1699	X_ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
X_1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
_1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	_TRANSPORTATION
1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	_INDUSTRY _INVENTION	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	_OTHER (SPECIFY)
SPECIFIC DAT	early 1700's	BUILDER/ARCI	HITECT	

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Tradition holds that this building was constructed by William Comegys in 1708. Whether or not the date is correct is uncertain, but the gambrel roof house form was used here early in the 17th century and the building closely resembles Lamb's Meadows (K-//3) which was constructed before 1733. The rear extension with catslide roof is a very rare although economical way of enlarging a small house; brick patterning and size show this to be a very early addition, probably before the mid 18th century. Date and order of construction of the side wings is impossible without archeology. Plank buildings and additions were not uncommon in the 18th and early 19th century and several still survive. (The Latham House (K-115), Knock's Folly (K-114) which burned in 1977, and Hinchingham Farm have wings of planks.) Whether it pre-dated or post-dated the brick wing, another early addition, is unknown.

The interior woodwork and wainscoting described as being "very pretty" (Earle, Swepson, Maryland's Colonial Eastern Shore, P. 12-13) was in place in 1916. It gradually disappeared, the last sold by the present owners. Its loss is a great one to the history of Kent architecture.

The dairy is a delightful Victorian outbuilding, now also becoming rare.

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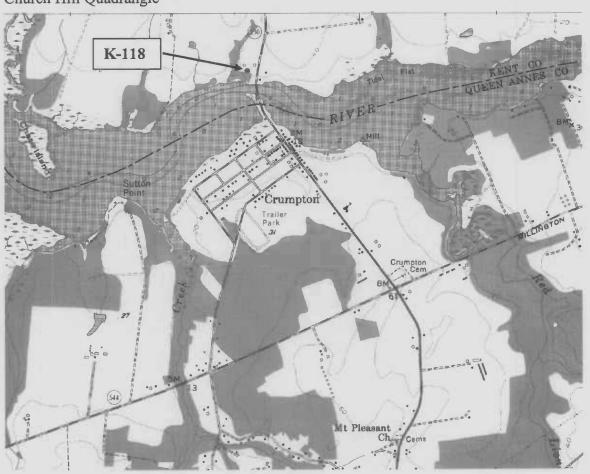
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